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Dr. Stanley F. Yolles
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Dear Stanley:

Thank you for your response concerning my request to have the Council Agenda next month include some consideration of Family Planning Programs.

I am writing now to try to secure a place on that same agenda for another item, the invigoration of approaches to mental health that are and might be provided by experimental biology and biochemistry. I have been talking briefly with fellow council man L. J. West about this and we hope to have some more definite questions ready before the council meeting but are not yet prepared to submit them. It would, however, be helpful if staff could be prepared to discuss with us such matters as the scope of existing research support in biology, lists and particular examples of projects that have been approved but remain unfunded, and the vigor of existing and possibly expanded efforts to promote an interest in mental health ~~shemes~~ on the part of ~~a~~accomplished investigators in the biological sciences who may not realize what they may have to offer in this direction.

Sincerely yours,

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Professor of Genetics

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CC:Dr. West

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